HON'BLE SHRI G.S. SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE G.V. SEETHAPATHY

WRIT PETITION NO. 15191 OF 2006

BETWEEN

Gollamandala Subba Rao & others

.....

Petitioner

And

The Government of Andhra Pradesh
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Panchayat Raj Department, Hyderabad & others

.....Respondents

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Counsel for the Petitioner : Shri Ajay Kumar for Shri Srinivasa Rao Valivela

Counsel for Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj

Counsel for Respondent Nos.4 to 6 : Government Pleader for Revenue

Counsel for Respondent No.7 : None

Dated: 05.09.2006

Per G.S. SINGHVI, CJ

In this petition, the petitioners have made the following

substantive prayer:

> " It is, therefore, prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue an order or orders particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus declaring the action of respondents 1 to 6 in accepting the nomination of 7th respondent who belonged to forward caste for the post of Sarpanch of Cheepurugudem Gram Panchayat, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District, which is reserved for S.T. (General) as arbitrary, illegal and contrary to A.P. Panchayat Raj Act and consequently direct the respondents to conduct elections by de-notifying Cheepurugudem Gram Panchayat, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District non STs."

Learned counsel for the petitioners says that his clients have already availed the alternative remedy by filing petition before the Election Tribunal constituted under the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994. He says that the Court may direct the Election Tribunal to decide the case expeditiously.

In view of the statement made by the learned counsel, the writ petition is dismissed. We hope and trust that the Election Tribunal will entertain the request, if any, made by the petitioners for early disposal of election petition.

As a sequel to dismissal of the writ petition, W.P.M.P.No.18918 of 2006 filed by the petitioners for interim relief is also dismissed.

G.S. SINGHVI, CJ

G.V. SEETHAPATHY, J

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